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(1993-94)

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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Communications having been authorised by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this First Report on the Demands for Grants (1993-94) of the Ministry of Communications including (i) Postal Services and (ii) Telecommunication Services.

2. The Departmentally related Standing Committee System is the latest step in the ever evolving process of Parliamentary Control over the executive. Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Shivraj V. Patil, has opened a new chapter in making the institution of Parliament more purposeful and participative in democratisation of the functioning of the State in its practical form.

3. Demands for Grants pertaining to the Ministry of Communications for the current year i.e., 1993-94 which were laid on the Table of the House on 31 March, 1993 have been examined by the Committee.

4. Considering the time constraint in which the Committee had to work to scrutinise the Demands for Grants of the current year, only a broad analysis of the budgetary trends in the Demands for Grants of the Ministry could be made this year.

5. Taking serious view of the announcement of increase in telecommunications tariff, the Committee feel that it was inappropriate for the Government to adopt this procedure when the discussion on the budget was continuing in the Lok Sabha and the Standing Committee on Communications was discussing the demands for grants relating to the Ministry of Communications.

6. The Report was considered and adopted by the Committee at their sitting held on 29 April, 1993.

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April 29, 1993
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VIMLA VERMA,
Chairperson,
Standing Committee on Communications.

PART I

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(DEMAND NO. 13)

(In thousands of Rupees)

	Revenue	*Capital*	*Total*
Voted	10,73,00	—	10,73,00
	Plan	*Non-Plan*	*Total*
Revenue Section	1,90,00	8,83,00	10,73,00

1.1 As far as the revenue section of Demand No. 13 is concerned, the Committee do not have much to comment upon, as it provides for the expenditure on the basic functioning of the Secretairat of the Ministry —Economic Services, other communication services such as Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing, Monitoring Organisation and also contribution to International Telecommunication Union and Asia Pacific Telecommunity under international obligations. **However, the Committee have observed that hospitality expenses mentioned under Sub-head A.1 (7) of the Major head 3451 and Sub-head B.1 (7) of Major Head 3275 of the Demand No. 13 have increased manifold since 1991-92.**

1.2 Hospitality Expenses of the Secretariat Economic Services of the Ministry have increased almost fourfold from the Actuals of 1991-92 i.e. Rs. 33,000 to Rs. 1,48,000 in Budget Estimates for 1992-93 and 1993-94 and hospitality expenses of the wireless planning and coordination wing have increased almost 18 fold from the Actuals of 1991-92 i.e. from Rs. 11,000 to Rs. 2,00,000 in the Revised Estimates for 1992-93 and Budget Estimates for 1993-94. The Committee fail to understand the reasons for such a sudden increase in hospitality expenses of the Ministry, despite the clearcut guidelines given in the Eighth Plan document to contain government expenditures in view of resource crunch faced by our country.

PART II

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS
(POSTAL SERVICES—DEMAND No. 14)

(In thousands of Rupees)

	Revenue	Capital	Total
Voted	1688,26,00	67,23,00	1755,49,00
Charged	1.00		1.00
Total Postal Services	**Plan**	**Non-Plan**	**Total**
Voted	77,00,00	1678,49,00	1755,49,00
Charged	—	1.00	1.00

Broad Functions of the Department of Posts

2.1 The Department of posts was formed as a separate Department bifurcating the erstwhile Department of posts & Telegraphs, w.e.f. 31.12.84, acknowledging the ever increasing role of the each segment of modern communications system. The Department of posts has been entrusted with the responsibility of planning, expansion, development operation and maintenance of Postal Services in the country. Besides certain agency functions like Savings Banks and other small Saving Schemes of Government, collection of custom duty on postal articles and dibursement of pension to Military and Railways Pensioners, Family pensions to Industrial Employees of Coal Mines, etc. also have been assigned to the Department. Further, the Department also administer Postal Life Insurance for the benefit of postal, Telecom and other Central Government employees and employees of State Governments Public Undertakings, Nationalised Banks and local bodies etc.

Plan Outlays and their Utilisation

2.2 To meet these requirements, total demands for grants for the annual plan outlays for the year 1993-94 have been kept at Rs. 77 crores. Totals of the annual plan outlays from 1985-86 to 1989-90 which was kept at 1,95,80 (in lakhs of Rupees) increased to a level of 3,25,00 (in lakhs of Rupees) i.e. Rs. 325 crores for the entire Eighth Five Year Plan Period (1992-97). It means almost 60% increase in the budget allocations. However, the actual expenditure was Rs. 1,76,67 lakhs against the total approved outlay of Rs. 1,95,80 lakhs as per annual plan outlays 1985-86 to 1989-90. This trend of under utilisation of funds is also discernible with respect to the actual

Expenditure in 1990-91 and 1991-92. Outlays of Rs. 60,00 lakhs and Rs. 72,00 lakhs were approved for the Department for the Annual Plan 1990-91 and 1991-92 respectively. However, the actual expenditure for the same period were only Rs. 37,96 lakhs and Rs. 38,80 lakhs respectively. The Revised Plan outlay for the year 1992-93 has therefore, been sharply reduced down from the budget estimate of Rs. 77,00 lakhs to Rs. 66,00 lakhs. There are various projects and schemes, which are vital for the growth and development and the Committee feel that government must ensure that the funds allocated for such projects must be released and appropriately utilised.

Thrust Areas

2.3 The Committee notice that mechanisation and modernisation programmes have been given priority during the Eighth Plan period. The Budget allocations for Mechanisation & Modernisation programmes out of the total Annual Plan outlays from 1985-86 to 1989-90 which was kept at Rs. 10,40 lakhs has been increased drastically to Rs. 138,30 lakhs for the entire eighth Five Year Plan period i.e. (1992-97) (Annexure-I). The main thrust areas in the Eighth Plan are computerisation and associated networks for electronic mail, money transfer, quality stamps and seals, mechanical sortings, etc. A few steps have already been initiated in this regard, particularly during Seventh Plan period such as introduction of mechanical aids like multi-purpose counter machines, bag dedusting equipment, digital weighing machines, etc. installation of integrated mail sorting system at Bombay, computerization of postal system, schemes of Panchayat Dak Sewak for improvement of the rural postal network, speed post service to provide a comparatively faster and assured service, etc. However, all these schemes and programmes introduced during the Seventh Plan could not make much head way during that plan period. India has the largest number of post offices in the world. The National Postal network had about 150346 post offices in the country by the end of March, 1992. Even during the Eighth Plan period, there is a plan to add 3000 EDBOs and 500 DSOs. However, the Committee feel that numbers *per se* **do not explain the real position. Productivity, Speed, volume of mail handling, etc. are indeed some of the yardsticks to assess the efficiency. In all these aspects, India, is still far behind International Standard and has to go a long way ahead. Therefore, faster modernisation and mechanisation of postal network has become imperative at this juncture, to catch up with the International Standards.**

Physical/Financial Performances

2.4 Details of schemewise physical targets, and their achievements have been given in the Annexure II. The physical targets for 1992-93 had been kept as follows:

1. Sanctioning of 700 post offices (600 Extra Departmental Branch offices EDBOs) mostly in the remote, rural and inaccessible areas and 100 Departmental Post Offices (DPOs) mostly in urban localities.

2. Commencing construction of 60 postal buildings and 200 staff quarters and completing construction of 80 postal buildings and 200 staff quarters for which the civil work had commenced earlier.
3. Installation of personal computers in 75 selected cities alongwith micro earth station to transmit and receive money order advices through satellite communications.
4. Computerising 24 head post offices in Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.
5. Imparting training to 11,150 employees.
6. Procuring of 112 mail motor vehicles.
7. Purchase of 1000 multi-purpose counter machines and 10,000 other equipments in cutting stamps and seals. (Annual Plan 1992-93, Page 367).

2.5 As far as physical achievements are concerned, the Committee find significant shortfalls in major areas, leading to under utilisation of plan allocations. The physical achievements during 1991-92 particularly in respect of training, mail motor service, construction of postal buildings and staff quarters, etc. have been very poor. Training programme fell short of the target by 20% as against the target of 111,50 only 8939 employees could be trained. In case of Mail Motor Service only 21 vehicles were added to the existing network as against a target of 158 additional vehicles. Similarly in case of construction of postal buildings and staff quarters only 65-70% of the targets could be achieved (Annexure II).

2.6 The Committee feel that to ensure efficiency the basic infrastructural network must be strengthened. Inadequate staff quarters particularly in far flung hilly and rural areas and inadequate mail motor vehicles would affect services rendered by the staff. Therefore, the Committee strongly feel that the whole question of non meeting of targets and under utilisation of resources may be looked into afresh and appropriate corrective measures undertaken for effecting utilisation of the same.

2.7 As far as the Department of post is concerned in absolute terms the deficit had increased to more than Rs. 1003 crores by the end of the Seventh Plan. However, the growth rate of net deficit which was 101% between 1980-81 and 1985-86, was brought down considerably to 60% during the period 1985-86 to 1989-90.

2.8 The net working expenditure of the Department was Rs. 1162.15 crores against a revenue receipt of Rs. 947.87 crores in the year 1991-92, Deficit thus being Rs. 214.28 crores. The gross working expenditure in the Revised Estimates for the year 1992-93 has been increased to Rs. 1627.73 lakhs as against the Budget provision for the same period of Rs. 1558.73 lakhs. The Budget Estimates for the gross expenditure for the year 1993-94 is Rs. 1688.27 lakhs resulting in a deficit of Rs. 138.27 lakhs.

2.9 Further, the Committee notice that almost 80 percent of the total expenditure is accounted for working expenditures. Therefore, the Commit

tee strongly feel that Department must initiate appropriate measures to contain working expenses, mobilise additional resources, improve staff productivity, improve cost recovery and rationalise postal rate structure to overcome such deficit. Proper cost benefit analysis may be made and commercial viability norms should not be ignored or undermined. The manpower for the new post offices should be found redeployed from the existing staff pool.

Conclusion

2.10 With these observations the Committee suggest the Department to take necessary steps to bring about qualitative improvement through appropriate technology application and better management and generation of resources and also to cut down deficit through improved productivity and proper rationalization of postal tariff structure, etc.

PART III

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES—DEMAND NO. 15)

(In thousands of Rupees)

	Revenue	Capital	Total
Voted	7025,7000	5086,99,00	12112,6900
Charged	30,00	1,00	31,00

Total—Telecommunication Services:

	Plan	Non Plan	Total
Voted	4912,00,00	7200,69,00	12112,6900
Charged	—	31,00	31,00

Introductory

3.1 The Department of Telecommunications is primarily responsible for the management and development of all kinds of Telecommunication Services/networks in the country. The services are operated on a commercial basis through 18 telecommunication circles and 2 telecommunications districts. However, the telecommunication services of the two metropolitan cities i.e. Delhi and Bombay are being managed by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) with effect from Ist April, 1986 (except telegraph services). Apart from MTNL some other Public Sector Undertakings, viz. Indian Telephone Industries (ITI), Hindustan Teleprinters Limited (HTL) and Telecom Consultant of India Ltd. (TCIL) and Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (VSNL), etc. have been under the administrative jurisdiction of the DOT. The telecommunication network is a vital factor not only for raising productivity and efficiency in all sectors but also for improving the living standards of our populace. There has been a steady growth in the Indian telecom network since independence. Despite all efforts, the telephone penetration density remains one of the lowest in the world. Even in comparison to some of the developing countries where the average telephone density is about 5-6 telephone per 100 population, the telephone density in India accounted for only about 0.5 per hundred by the end of the Seventh Plan. Since then there has been slight improvement. It stands as at present about a level of 0.7 per hundred. However, it is not discernible, in view of our population growth which grew from 680 million to 844 million during 1981 to 1991.

Eighth Plan objectives

3.2 The long term objectives of the telecommunications service was set to increase telephone density to a level of 6-7 telephones for every 100 persons. Further, the Plan aims at reducing the waiting period to less than two years in general and also to provide the telephones practically on demand in tribal and rural areas. It could be ensured by installing additional switching capacity of 93 lakh lines (110 lakh including replacements) in order to provide 75 lakh new telephone connections. Other important obejctives of the Eighth Plan alongwith the physical targets are given in Annexure-III.

Plan outlay/revenue receipts and working expenditure/funding pattern

3.3 The outlay for telecommunication sector in the Eighth Plan is Rs. 25,137 crore. Requirement of funds in this sector is much more than the approved outlay. Therefore, the Department has been/is being considering various innovating measures to supplement the resources by allowing private investments in basic telecommunication operations and services.

3.4 The details of statements showing total telecommunication Receipts and Financial results of the working of the DOT including Expenditure/ Surplus, etc. have been given in the Annexure IV and V respectively.

3.5 Revenue receipts of the Department amounted to Rs. 3405 crores in 1990-91 and Rs. 3875 crores in the year 1991-92. It is likely to increase to Rs. 4,554 crores in 1992-93. Receipts in Budget Estimates 1993-94 are expected to be Rs. 6527 crores, after taking into account the normal growth and network charges payable by MTNL and stepping up of revenue realisation through other appropriate measures. Telecommunication Receipts come under Major Head 1225 of the Demand No. 15, consisting of two sub-heads i.e. Telephones and Telegraphs. However, Telegraph accounts for only a nominal receipts.

3.6 The Committee find that the Revised Estimates of working expenses in the year 1992-93 are more as compared to Budget Estimates 1992-93. The increase in the outlay is apparently on account of increase in interest on Bonds and in the rate of Dearness Allowance. Further, the Committee find that the net working expenses for Budget Estimates 1993-94 has been kept at Rs. 3714 crores, (almost Rs. 1000 crores increase over the last years figures of Rs. 2726 crores shown in Revised Estimates (1992-93).

Other Expenses

3.7 The Committee find that Expenditure under the category of *'other expenses'* account for almost two and half fold increase since Revised Estimates 1992-93. In Budget Estimates 1992-93, *'other expenses'* which was kept at Rs. 295 crores level increased to Rs. 448 crores in Revised Estimates 1992-93 and further increased to Rs. 1086 crores level in Budget Estimates 1993-94. Therefore, the *'other expenses'* is on the highside the figure only next to engineering expenses i.e. Rs. 1169,68 lakhs (Rs. 1170 crores approx.) which is the highest on the expenses ladder.

R&D Expenditure

3.8 In R&D expenditure, there is only a marginal increase i.e. from Rs. 347 lakhs in BE 1992-93 to Rs. 392 lakhs in BE 1993–94. For a country like ours, it should be constant endeavour of the Department to augment and upgrade the R&D infrastructure and greater budgetary allocation should be made therefor.

3.9 The Committee notice that the Actual Plan expenditure of the DOT excluding MTNL for the year 1991-92 was Rs. 2862 crores. The Budget Estimates for 1992-93 was fixed at Rs. 3859 crores, *viz.* an increase of about 35%. The estimated Plan outlay (Budget Estimates) for DOT for 1993-94 excluding MTNL is Rs. 4912 crores *viz.* an increase of 27% over budget estimates for 1992-93. The sources of funding of the Plan outlay of Rs. 4912 crores for the DOT for Budget Estimates 1993-94 excluding MTNL are mainly by the Department's own surplus of Rs. 2552 crores, other internal resources of Rs. 1185 crores and extra budgetary resources (Telecom Bonds) of Rs. 1175 crores with nil budgetary support from the general revenues. Total Plan outlay for DOT and MTNL, which was Rs. 4500 crores. In Budget Estimates 1992-93 increased to Rs. 5879 crores in Budget Estimates 1993-94. The Plan outlay for Revised Estimates 1992-93 of DOT, MTNL and PSUs put together is Rs. 5070.02 crores with nil Budgetary support as against the Plan Budget Estimates 1992-93 outlay of Rs. 4928 crores for DOT, MTNL and PSUs with nil Budgetary support. The Plan outlay for Budget Estimates 1993 has been kept at Rs. 6321 for DOT, MTNL and other PSUs with nil budgetary support. Details of the funding pattern of 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 are given in Annexure-VI.

3.10 The Revenue section of the Demand is for working expenses (including depreciation, audit, pensionary charges and Research and Developments) dividend payable to general revenues on the borrowed capital, appropriation of the surplus in the working of the Department to its reserve funds and grants-in-aid to the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT).

3.11 The capital section provides for expenditure on expansion of telecommunication network, the schemes being telegraph systems (opening up at telegraph offices, Panchayat telephones, telex exchanges and Telex capacity Lines etc.), local telephone systems, long distance switching and transmission systems including remote area telecommunication services through satellite, construction of administrative offices and staff quarters and support systems of factories and store organisations etc.

Scheme-wise Physical Targets/Achievements

3.12 A statement showing over all performances indicating physical Targets/Achievements on various programmes/schemes for the year 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and target of 1993-94 has been given in the Annexure-VII.

Physical Achievements during the year 1991-92

3.13 During the year 1991-92, net switching capacity of 9.57 lakh lines was added under local telephone system against the target of 9.5 lakh lines. As a result 7.35 lakh (DELs) lines were provided against the target of 7 lakh DELs. Trunk (TAX) capacity of 48700 lines was added against the target of 39500 lines—an increase of 23%. The achievement in the areas of long distance transmission system was quite satisfactory except with regard to optical fibre system (RKMs) which accounted for about 45% of the target. However, achievement in the field of UHF system (RKMs) is commendable. Against the target of 2420 UHF system, 4224 were added.

3.14. The Committee feel that in regard to commissioning of earth stations. the Department is far behind the schedule. Against the target of commissioning of 10 earth stations, only 4 were commissioned. The Committee desire that adequate attention need be given in this regard.

3.15 In the field of rural telecommunication the performance (during the year 1991-92) has been quite satisfactory. Against the target of 20000 panchayat telephones, 21752 (Long Distance Public Telephones) were provided. In the field of Telex Exchange (Nos.) and Telex capacity lines (local) the achievement was about 50% of the target only.

Tribal Sub-Plan

3.16 Because of priority accorded to provide telephone facilities to all the gram panchayats of the country by 1994-95 as per the Eighth Plan, a provision of Rs. 117 crores was earmarked under Tribal Sub-Plan against which expenditure of about Rs. 173 crore is stated to have been incurred during the year 1991-92. Details of the target and achievements are given in the Annexure-VIII. Achievements with respect to switching capacity, Direct Exchange Lines (DEL) and Telex capacity and new Telephone Exchange, are satisfactory. However, with respect to addition to DPTs (gram panchayat Telephones) and telegraph offices including COs, the achievements are far short of target (*see* Annexure-VIII).

3.17 With respect to the development of telecommunication network in North-East Region, which is another thrust area in the Eighth Plan period, considering increasing law and order problems over there, the achievements of 1991-92 are not very encouraging except in the area of LDPTs. (*see* Annexure-IX).

Targets/Achievements/Likely achievements during the year 1992-93 and Targets in Budgets Estimates 1993-94

3.18 The details of the schemewise physical targets and performance are given in the Annexure-VII. The targets in 1992-93 and Budget Estimates 1993-94 have been kept, taking into consideration the broad objectives of the Eighth Plan period. To implement these programmes an outlay of Rs. 4500 crores was provided for DoT and MTNL put together and the Budget Estimates 1993-94 the proposed plan outlay for both DoT and MTNL is Rs. 5879 crores (*see* Annexure VI). Against the target of

11.44 lakh, additional lines in NET switching capacity and 8.5 lakhs additonal DELs lines, the achievement was 12 and 9.86 lakh lines respectively. However, during the year 1992-93 in the area of TAX capacity lines and Panchayat telephones the achievements fell short of the target *i.e.* against the target of 49500 TAX lines, achievement was 44000 and in panchayat telephone, the achievement is 30072 against the target of 36500. In the other areas, where the actual achievements are not available at the moment, the DoT is more or less hopeful to meet the targets. Scheme-wise/ programme-wise physical targets as indicated in Budget Estimates 1993-94 and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and Plan for North-East region during 1993-94 have been accelerated at a reasonable pace keeping the Eighth Plan in view. (For details *see* Annexure VII, VIII and IX respectively).

3.19 On the question of supply of telephone connections, the Committee find it unconvincing that all the Non-OYT applications would be cleared within two years of application, particularly when there is a backlog of 8 to 10 years in such cases. Hence, in the opinion of the Committee, particular attention may be paid to this aspect.

Scheme-wise total telecom service outlays

3.20 The details of the scheme-wise Telecom Service outlays alongwith the Demand for Grants No. 15 (Major head/sub-head wise) as indicated in Budget Estimates 1993-94 have been given in the Annexure X. The Committee find accelerated Budget Estimates/Revised Estimates over the years to keep pace with the accelerated programmes/schemes.

3.21 However, the Committee find that delay in timely completion of projects/schemes undertaken by the Department are resulting in cost escalation. The Committee desire that greater attention need to be paid to this aspect.

Conclusions

3.22 In view of the above observations with regard to Demands for Grants No. 15 relating to Telecom Services, the Committee suggest to improve the physical performances/or at least adhere to the targets set for various programmes, wherein major shortfalls have been noticed. In this regard, Rural Telecom Programme (such as gram panchayat telephones, etc.) and programmes coming under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and North East Region need special mention.

3.23 The Committee strongly feel that various digital switching systems/ technologies such as Private Automatic Branch Exchange (PABX), Rural Automatic Exchange (RAX), Multi-Module (MAX-M) and Multi-Module MAX (MAX-L), etc. developed indigenously by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) may be commercialised on a large scale to meet the requirements. The manufacturers of these systems/technologies may be given adequate incentives for such production. The Committee also feel that

more emphasis need to be laid on Research and Development Programmes and sufficient funds may be allocated for the same, which in the Committee's view, is a neglected area so far.

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ANNEXURE I

SCHEME-WISE OUTLAY/EXPENDITURE—DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

(In lakhs of Rupees)

Programmes/ Schemes of Postal Services	Total outlay as per the annual Plan Outlays 1985-86 to 1989-90	Actual Expdr. during the plan period	Total Outlay as per annual plan 1990-91	Actual Expdr. 1990-91	Total outlay as per annual plan 1991-92	Actual Expdr. 1991-92	% Achie-vement of Col. 7 & 6	Outlay for Eighth Five Year Plan	Annual Plan Outlay for 1992-93	Revised Plan Outlay for 1992-93	Annual Plan out-lay for 1993-94 Demand No. 14 Major heads 3201 5201
1. Expansion of Postal Network	8,25	2,22	4,00	1,42	3,00	1,21	40.33	2365	200	200	450
2. Mechanisation & Modernisation	10,40	4,17	15,00	1,02	23,58	1,85	7.85	13830	3428	2326	3600
3. P.O. Buildings and Staff Quarters	1,53,82	1,55,57	35,00	28,03	35,00	31,57	90.20	12135	3233	3208	3000
4. Training	6,63	6,37	1,50	1,38	1,50	1,37	91.33	500	150	142	105
5. Mail Motor Vehicles	9,30	6,00	2,15	4,04	4,00	1,45	36.25	1480	150	340	150
6. Marketing	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	650	200	195	147
7. RMS Vans	7,10	2,34	—	—	50	—	—	250	50	50	50
8. Speed Post Service	30	—	2,10	89	1,00	68	68.00	550	110	10	25
9. Material Management	—	—	25	—	46	—	—	490	490	79	123
10. National Savings (P.O.S.B.)	—	—	—	1,18	2,96	43	14.53	250	100	50	50
TOTAL	1,95,80	1,76,67	60,00	37,96	72,00	33,80	—	32500	7700	6600	7700

ANNEXURE II

SCHEME-WISE PHYSICAL TARGETS/ACHIEVEMENTS—DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

Particulars	Physical 1991-92	Actuals 1991-92	Targets for 8th Plan 1992-97	Targets for 1992-93	Targets for 1993-94
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Expansion of Postal Network	2200	2089	3500	700	700
(a) Opening of POs					
(i) EDBOs	2000	2068	3000	600	600
(ii) DSOs	200	21	500	100	100
2. Mechanisation and Modernisation					
(a) Multipurpose Counter Machines	4000	102	Counter operative computerisation	1000	R&D set up Central and regional
(b) Money transfer & Electronic Mail	Nil	Nil	First phase of MO transmission through satellite	Formulation of Scheme	working 75 Location
(c) Other equipment (new stamps and seals)	100	Nil	Track & Trace	1000	8000
(d) Mechanised sorting equipment in metro cities	One letter sorting Machine (Bombay)	Nil	Mechanised sorting equipment in 3 Metro cities	1 (Bombay)	Letter sorting Machine Madras
3. Construction of:					
(a) PO, RMS&AC, PSD Bldg.	300	195	242	130	120
(b) Staff Quarters	550	394	1000	250	225
4. Training					
(a) Inservice Trg/SB Refresher	11150	8939	32500	6500	6500
(b) Refresher Trg. to EDBPMs	—	—	119000	23800	23800

1	2	3	4	5	6
5. Mail Motor Vehicles					
(a) MMS Vehicle	158	21	560	112	112
(b) RMS Vans	—	—			
(i) Constn. of vans	—	—	10 MG Bogies	—	—
(ii) Remodelling	—	—	50	20	20
6. Speed Post Service					
(a) Manpower Rectt.	700	—	350	—	—
(b) Estt. of Business	—	—	25	5	5
7. National Savings (POSB)					
(a) Staff	375	NA	Extension of projects to State Capital to cover most small saving scheme in operation	Extension of computerisation project to 3 metro-cities of Bombay, Calcutta & Madras	Computerisation in Major HOs
(b) Computerisation of HPOS	24	7			
8. Material Management			1. Provision of 30 New inhouse Printing Machines	(i) Purchase of 12 in-house machines	Provision of 4 RFDs, 16 battery operated trollies
(a) House Printing Machine	4	—			
(b) Paper Cutting Machine	—	—	2. Expansion of Postal Printing Press Bhubaneshwar	(ii) Expansion of postal printing press Bhubaneshwar	4 printing and paper cutting machines, 16 PCS to 16 PSDs.
(c) RFDs					
(d) Battery Operated trolly					
(e) PCs					

		3. Reorganisation of 4 RFDs 4. Provision of 46 Battery operated trolleys 5. Provision of 46 Typing Bundling Machines 6. Provision of 46 personal computers to 46 PSDs. 7. Provision of 5 PSDs 8. Provision of T-Punching Machines 9. Provision of 46 Paper Cutting Machines	
9. Marketing	12-15 Market Surveys, Promotion of existing products by advertising and other media especially for speed post.	Speed Post marketing Corp. rate Image Bldg. and marketing of other produces and services market research and survey.	Speed Post Marketing of other produces and services Corporate image Bldg., marketing research surveys staff

ANNEXURE III

IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF THE EIGHTH PLAN (DEPARTMENT OF TELE-COMMUNICATION)

1. Availability
   - — Provide another 75 lakhs District Exchange Lines (DEL)
   - — Provide telephones practically on demand in rural and tribal areas
   - — Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years
2. Accessibility
   - — Provide a phone facility in all Gram Panchayats by 1.4.1995
   - — Additional 1.5 lakh villages to have LDPTs by 1.4.1997 so that 3.6 lakh of the total 5.7 lakh villages in the country are covered by the facility.
   - — One public call office for every 100 households in urban areas
   - — Highway telephones on national highways
3. Subscriber Trunk Dialling and Connectivity
   - — Provide NSD facility to all exchanges by 1.4.1997
   - — Sub-divisional headquarters/tehsil headquarters or equivalent towns and all exchanges of size 500 lines or more to be covered by 1.4.1995
   - — All industrial growth centres, tourist and pilgrimage centres to be provided NSD facility by 1.4.95
   - — All district headquarters to be linked with digital network
4. Modernisation & Upgradation
   - — Achieve fully automatic network by March 1994 by replacing all manual exchanges
   - — Replace life expired and worn out switches as and when they become life expired
   - — Replace all strowger MAX-III exchanges by electronic exchanges (as part of the programme to provide NSD to all exchanges)
   - — Replace all line finder type MAX-II exchanges by electronic exchanges
   - — Replace all life expired and unserviceable transmission systems by digital systems.
   - — Computerise manual trunk service in 14 identified locations
5. Reliability

   Provide:
   - — Media diversity in transmission network between TAXs
   - — Network management centres for the control and management of network
   - — Ducting programme to cover 3000 KMs of new ducts.

6. Data network

   — PSPDN (Packet Switched Public Data Network) to cover all state capitals and 20% of DHQs

7. Modernisation of Public interface

   Provide:

   — Computerised billing and accounting in all divisions
   — Modernise fault repair service
   — Computerise directory enquiry service in exchanges of size 1000 lines or more
   — Provide local area network under CIS-DOT scheme

8. Value-Added Services

   Following value-added services will be provided at least in all towns with a population of 5 lakhs or more mainly on the basis of franchise:

   — Cellular mobile service
   — Voice-mail service
   — Electronic-mail service
   — Audio-conferencing service
   — Video-conferencing service
   — Radio-paging
   — Videotex

9. New Services

   Narrowband ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) to be provided to all important towns especially covering commercial towns, State capitals and industrial growth centres.

10. Telex & Telegraph Services

    Provide:

    — All electronic telex network
    — National telex exchange wherever demand of 4 or more connections exists
    — Access to telex network from all DHQs through telex PCOs if exchange or national exchange cannot be provided
    — Delivery of 98% of booked telegrams within 12 hours and 100% within 24 hours
    — Bureaufax centres at sub-divisional/tehsil headquarters or equivalent towns

11. Special Focus Areas

    While providing telecom facilities liberally during the period 1992-97, priority for early completion within this period will be given to the following areas:

    — Sensitive border areas
    — Tribal and hilly areas

— Industrial growth centres

12. Staff Quarters

Achieve a staff satisfaction ratio of 20% on the average by 1.4.1997 with emphasis on difficult areas like metro cities, hilly areas, etc.

ANNEXURE IV

STATEMENT SHOWING TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS RECEIPTS UNDER MAJOR HEAD 1225

(In thousand of Rs.)

Major Head 1225 A. Telephone		Actuals 1990-91	Actuals 1991-92	Budget Estimates 1992-93	Revised Estimates 1992-93	Budget Estimates 1993-94
1.	Telephone Rentals & Call Charges	2473,60,01	3024,68,17	3887,00,00	37,07,00,00	5532,00,00
2.	Net Receipts from other Telephone Administration	676,35,17	321,81,41	725,00,00	400,00,00	450,00,00
3.	Deduct-Net payments to other Telephone Administrations	701,50,30	417,34,82	750,00,00	445,00,00	530,00,00
4.	Rent of Tel. wires, Circuits & Instruments leased to others	136,30,05	130,26,52	125,00,00	100,00,00	120,00,00
5.	Other Services & Service Fees	6,56,83	7,81,10	7,00,00	8,00,00	9,00,00
6.	Other Receipts	241,72,33	59,89,21	212,24,00	71,26,00	103,87,00
7.	Receipts from Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., for network (Tel.) utilisation	236,57,17	444,03,00	439,41,00	421,74,00	544,06,00
8.	Interest on Loan component of the value of Assets of the Deptt. of Telecommunications transferred to MTNL.	43,21,25	30,38,00	27,58,00	25,00,00	24,07,00
9.	Dividend on equity component of the value of Assets of the Deptt. of Telecommunications transferred to MTNL	84,00,00	36,00,00	—	36,00,00	36,00,00
	Total-Telephones	3196,99,41	3637,52,59	4673,23,00	4324,00,00	6289,00,00

Sub-Head 1225 B. Telegraphs		Actuals 1990-91	Actuals 1991-92	Budget Estimates 1992-93	Revised Estimates	Budget Estimates 1993-94
1.	Telegrams	81,44,11	77,85,28	80,00,00	80,00,00	80,00,00
2.	Telex	75,65,40	80,61,62	100,00,00	90,00,00	100,00,00
3.	Rent of Telegraph Wires & Circuits leased to others	23,69,38	28,39,86	30,00,00	25,00,00	28,00,00
4.	Net receipts from other Tele graph Administrations	91,24,16	28,96,99	90,00,00	30,00,00	40,00,00
5.	Net Receipts from other Radio Companies	24,19	19,66	30,00	30,00	40,00
6.	Deduct-Net Payments to other Telegraph Admn.	108,46,59	22,47,42	100,00,00	40,00,00	60,00,00
7.	Deduct-Net Payments to other Radio Companies	12	76,06	20,00	30,00	40,00
8.	Foreign Traffic Exchange ad justment		1,43,38	20,00	20,00	30,00
9.	Other Services & Services Fees	2,44,10	2,66,97	3,00,00	3,00,00	4,00,00
10.	Other Receipts	2,75,48	3,19,96	4,00,00	4,80,00	5,70,00
11.	Receipts from Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. for network (Telex) utilisation	38,78,72	36,89,00	36,47,00	37,00,00	40,00,00
	Total	207,79,07	236,99,24	243,77,00	230,00,00	238,00,00
	Total-Telecommunications Receipts	3404,78,48	3874,51,83	4917,00,00	4554,00,00	6527,00,00

ANNEXURE V

STATEMENT SHOWING FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE WORKING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Major Heads 3225, 3230 and 3231.
(In Lakhs of Rs.)

Financial Results		Actuals 1990-91	Actuals 1991-92	Budget Estimates 1992-93	Revised Estimates 1992-93	Budget Estimates 1993-94
RECEIPTS EXPENDITURE		3404,79	3874,52	4917,00	4554,00	6527,00
1.	General Administration	171,55	200,83	240,00	242,27	273,23
2.	Operation	393,36	450,12	508,70	524,13	578,23
3.	Store & Factories	21,28	24,25	17,84	4,58	49,72
4.	Research & Development	2,42	2,59	3,47	3,47	3992
5.	Accounts & Audit	14,78	15,61	18,11	18,13	19,62
6.	Engineering	777,89	878,91	998,77	1029,07	1169,68
7.	Amenities to Staff	11,22	15,57	15,66	18,00	21,00
8.	Pension	85,18	102,71	130,00	125,00	145,00
9.	Stationery & Printing	6,80	8,54	15,00	12,00	18,00
10.	Depreciation	388,66	491,82	621,04	638,89	787,05
11.	Other Exp.	191,35	233,43	295,41	448,46	1086,55
	Total Expenditure	2064,49	2424,38	2864,00	3064,00	4143,00
	Deduct-Credits	207,54	279,77	337,79	338,00	429,00
	Net Working Exp.	1856,95	2144,61	2526,21	2726,00	3714,00
	Net Receipts	1547,84	1729,91	2390,79	1828,00	2813,00
	Deduct-Dividend to General Revenues	220,27	246,61	250,79	255,75	261,00
	Surplus	1327,57	1483,30	2140,00	1572,25	2552,00

ANNEXURE VI

FUNDING PATTERN (DEPTT. OF TELECOM.)

(Rs. in Crores)

Particulars	'Actuals'	B.E.(*)	R.E.(*)	B.E.
	1991-92	1992-93	1992-93	1993-94
Surplus of the Revenue Receipts	1483	2140	1572	2552
Other items of Internal Resources	738	841	919	1185
E.B.R. (Extra Budgetary Resources) Telecom Bonds	602	878	1368	1175
Budgetary Support	39	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total DOT Plan	2862	3859	3859	4912
M.T.N.L. Plan	613	641	641	967
Total Plan Outlay (DOT+MTNL)	3475.00	4500.00	4500.01	5879.00
Indian Telephone Industries		111.00	166.00	151.00
Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd.		7.00	7.55	5.00
Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.		310.00	396.46	286.00
GRAND TOTAL		4928.00	5070.02	6321.00

* Accounts yet to be finalised.

ANNEXURE VII

SCHEME-WISE PHYSICAL TARGETS/ACHIEVEMENTS (DEPT. OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS)

	Programme	1990-91		1991-92		1992-93		1993-94
		Targets	Achieve-ments	Targets	Achieve-ments	Targets	Likely Achieve-ments/ achievements	1993-94 Targets
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(a)	LOCAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM							
	(i) NET Switching capacity(Lakh Lines)	6.5	5.7	9.5	9.57	11.4	12.0 (achieved)	15.00
	(ii) DELs (Lakh Lines)	5.5	4.84	7.0	7.35	8.5	9.86 (-do-)	11.00
(b)	LONG DISTANCE SWITCHING SYSTEMS							
	(i) TAX (Nos.)	8	8	15	19	21	21 (Likely to be achieved)	35
	(ii) TAX (Capacity) (Lines)	33700	16230	39500	48700 (gross)	49500	44000 (achieved)	67500 (gross)
(c)	LONG DISTANCE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM							
	(i) COAXIAL CABLE SYSTEM (RKMS)	3172	1589	1595	1483	1000	1000 (Likely to be Achieved)	1100

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(ii) Microwave System (RKMS)	3482	1173	3000	3198	3200	3200 (-do-)	4000
(iii) UHF System (RKMS)	2420	2525	2420	4224	3000	3000 (-do-)	6000
(iv) Satellite Communication Scheme (a) Earth Station fixed (b) Earth and Transportable	32	7	10	4	3	2(-do-)	
(v) Optical Fibre (RKMS)	5493	1900	4934	2151	3500	3500 (-do-)	4500
(d) OPENWIRE AND TELEGRAPHS							
(i) Telegraph Offices—	504	—	—	—	—	—	
(ii) Panchayat Tele- (long distance public telephones)	15000	1742	20000	21752	36500	30072 (achieved)	54750
(iii) Telex Exchange (Nos.)	30	34	50	22	—	—	—
(iv) Telex Capacity (lines)	1766	1806	3084	1775	3534	3654 (Likely to be Achieved)	3180
Transit	—		2074	—	2288	1878 (-do-)	1640

ANNEXURE VIII

TRIBLE SUB-PLAN (TSP)
PHYSICAL TARGETS/ACHIEVEMENTS (DOT)

Sl. No.	Item	Targets 1991-92	Anticipated Achieve-ment 1991-92	Achieve-ments 1991-92	Targets 1992-93	Anticipated Achieve-ments 1992-93	Targets 1993-94
1.	Switching-capacity	51500	51500	71511	56600	56600	62600
2.	Direct Exchange (DEL)	43800	43800	51640	43000	43000	47000
3.	LDPTS (Gram Panchayat Tele-phones)	4100	4100	2005	2700 (LDPTs)	2700	3150 (LDPTs)
4.	Telegraph offices incl. COs	557	557	337	255	255	230
5.	Telex capacity	158	158	190	130	130	200
6.	UHF systems (RKMs)	—	—	460	1000	1000	3500
7.	Satellite Earth Stations	—	—	3	3	3	2
8.	Telephone Exchange	—	—	133	67	67	81
9.	STD Routes (point to point)	—	—	—	—	—	—

ANNEXURE IX

NORTH EAST REGION
PHYSICAL TARGETS/ACHIEVEMENTS (DOT)

Sl. No.	Item	Targets 1991-92	Anticipated Achievement 1991-92	Achievements 1991-92	Targets 1992-93	Anticipated Achievements 1992-93	Targets 1993-94
1.	Switching-capacity	26881	26881	15700	22800	22800	22000
2.	Direct Exchange Lines	24978	24978	13864	17000	17000	—
3.	UHF systems (RKMs)	185	185	119.4	85	85	—
4.	LDPTs	250	250	501	—	—	—
5.	Telex capacity	140	140	70	50	50	—
6.	Gram Panchayat Telephones	—	—	642	967	967	1600
7.	Telegraph Offices including combined offices	—	—	22	—	—	—
8.	Satellite Earth Stations	—	—	—	—	—	2

ANNEXURE X

SCHEME-WISE TOTAL TELECOM SERVICE OUTLAYS

(In thousands of Rs.)

Programme/Scheme of Telecom Services	Major Head and Sub-Head	B.E. 1991-92	R.E. 1991-92	B.E. 1992-93	R.E. 1992-93	B.E. 1993-94
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Telegraphs & Telex	3225 A5-(4) (1)	4,80,50	3,74,52	3,91,20	3,43,75	3,84,70
	5225 BB-1	70,00,00	82,00,00	81,00,00	63,00,00	135,00,00
	Total	74,80,50	85,74,52	84,91,20	66,43,75	138,84,70
Local Telephone Systems	3225 A5-(4) (2)	28,85,50	22,21,17	23,20,44	22,40,29	26,47,10
	5225 BB-2	1746,00,00	1799,00,00	2129,00,00	2358,01,00	2512,00,00
	Total	1774,85,50	1821,21,17	2152,20,44	2380,41,29	2538,47,10
Long Distance Switching Systems	3225 A5-4 (3)	5,08,50	3,80,32	3,97,50	3,93,61	4,43,00
	5225 BB-3	123,00,00	130,00,00	164,00,00	138,00,00	109,00,00
	Total	128,08,50	133,80,32	167,97,50	141,93,61	113,43,00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Long Distance Transmission Systems	3225 A5-(4) (4)	3,53,00	2,70,74	2,82,69	4,06,82	4,55,05
	5225 BB-4	440,00,00	550,00,00	1243,00,00	1077,00,00	1779,00,00
	Total	443,53,00	552,70,74	1245,82,69	1081,06,82	1783,55,05
Ancillary Systems	3225 A5-4 (5)	38,83,00	26,78,48	27,98,82	27,00,00	24,17,60
	A5-4 (6)	4,64,00	4,30,58	4,49,58	5,12,29	5,89,70
	A5-4 (7)	24,00	13,21	13,79	11,47	12,75
	A5-4 (8)	6,00	5,50	5,76	4,45	5,15
	A5-4 (9)	41,00	31,11	32,47	29,95	30,40
	A5-4 (11)	4,00	16,94	17,68	3,42	4,25
	A5-4 (12)	15,00	16,20	16,98	11,25	33,05
	5225 BB-5	10,00,00	35,00,00	59,00,00	59,00,00	103,00,00
	Total	54,37,00	63,92,08	92,35,08	91,72,83	133,92,90
Other Land and Buildings	3225 A5-4 (10)	3,35,00	2,61,17	2,73,09	3,42,70	4,77,25
	5225 BB-6	37,00,00	55,00,00	77,00,00	58,00,00	125,00,00
	Total	40,35,00	57,61,17	79,73,09	61,42,70	129,77,25

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Grants in Aid	**3275 D-1(1)**	30,00,00	28,00,00	30,00,00	30,00,00	70,00,00
	7225-DD-1 (1)	7,00,00	7,00,00	6,00,00	6,00,00	4,00,00
	Total	2553,00,00	2750,00,00	3859,00,00	3859,01,00	4912,00,00

MINUTES OF THE FIRST SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee met on Monday, 19 April, 1993 from 09.30 to 10.45 hours in Committee Room No. 50, First Floor, Parliament House, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Km. Vimla Verma—*Chairperson*

MEMBERS

Lok Sabha

2. Shri Shravan Kumar Patel
3. Shri Laeta Umbrey
4. Shri Jagmeet Singh Brar
5. Shri Mahesh Kumar Kanodia
6. Shri Lalit Oraon
7. Shri Anna Joshi
8. Shri Ram Pujan Patel
9. Shri Rupchand Pal
10. Shri Satyagopal Misra
11. Shri Raj Kishore Mahto
12. Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal

Rajya Sabha

13. Shri Virendra Kataria
14. Shri Mohammed Afzal *alias* Meem Afzal
15. Shri G. Prathapa Reddy
16. Shrimati Sushma Swaraj

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri K.M. Mittal—*Deputy Secretary*
2. Shri R.K. Malik—*Under Secretary*

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the Members to the first sitting of the Committee. Members also congratulated the Chairperson for assuming the charge of the Committee.

The Chairperson explained to Members the functions of the Committee. She also mentioned that as desired by H.S., to begin with, each Committee may present one brief report on the Demands for Grants of one Ministry. She suggested that the scrutiny of demands for Grants of the Ministry of Communications may be taken up for the purpose.

Members agreed.

Members made the following main suggestions with regard to the functioning of the Committee:

(i) arrangements for simultaneous interpretation of the proceedings of the Committee and verbatim reporting may be made;

(ii) experts may be invited to enlighten the Members about the technical aspects involved and proposals for modernisation etc. taken up by the Ministries concerned;

(iii) representatives of the Ministries concerned may be invited to brief the committee about their functioning;

(iv) Ministries may be asked to supply Annual Reports and other related material of the past years. Further, the reports of Estimates Committee, Public Accounts Committee and C&AG etc. relating to the subjects under examination of the Committee may also be made available to Members for their use; and

(v) Secretarial assistance may be provided to each Member to facilitate their functioning in the Committee.

Members were informed that arrangements for simultaneous interpretation are not available in the Committee Rooms in the Parliament House. However, such arrangements are available in the Annexe building but these are made use of only at the time of taking evidence; verbatim reporting of the proceedings is also taken only at the time of evidence; experts will be invited as and when required by the Committee; the representatives of the Ministries concerned will be invited to tender evidence before the Committee whenever necessary; material/reports of the past years may not be easily available with the Ministries and thereofore, the Members may consult the same in the Parliament Library. The Reports of other Committees and C&AG are also available in the Library. T)

It was decided that the draft Report on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Communications may be prepared and circulated to Members. It was also decided that the committee may hold their next sitting on the 28 April, 1993 for consideration and approval of this Report.

The Committee then adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee met on Wednesday, 28 April, 1993 from 09.30 to 11.00 hours in Committee Room 'C', Ground Floor, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Km. Vimla Verma—*Chairperson*

MEMBERS

Lok Sabha

2. Shri R. Jeevarathinam
3. Shri Shravan Kumar Patel
4. Shri Laeta Umbrey
5. Shri N. Dennis
6. Shri Jagmeet Singh Brar
7. Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal
8. Shri Kodikkunnil Suresh
9. Shri Era Anbarasu
10. Dr. B.G. Jawali
11. Shri Somjibhai Damor
12. Shri Lalit Oraon
13. Shri Anna Joshi
14. Shri Ram Pujan Patel
15. Shri Rupchand Pal
16. Shri A. Ashokaraj
17. Shri Raj Kishore Mahto
18. Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal
19. Shri Chandrajeet Yadav

Raya Sabha

20. Shrimati Kailashpati
21. Shri Virendra Kataria

SECRETARIAT

Shri K.M. Mittal—*Deputy Secretary*
Shri R.K. Malik—*Under Secretary*

The Committee took up for consideration the draft Report on Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Communications. The representatives of the Ministry of Communications both from the Departments of Posts and Telecommunications were present. The Chairperson/Members raised several points and also sought clarifications relating to the Demands for Grants and various aspects relating to the functioning of the Ministry and

its Departments.The representatives of the Ministry explained the position in response to the queries made by the Members.

The Committee then considered the draft Report and suggested certain modifications and directed the Secretariat to bring before them the draft Report in modified form at the sitting of the committee to be held on 29th April, 1993, for adoption.

The Committee then adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee met on Thursday, 29 April, 1993 from 1530 to 1600 hours in Room No. 115A, First Floor, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Km. Vimla Verma—*Chairperson*

MEMBERS

Lok Sabha

2. Shri R. Jeevarathinam
3. Shri Shravan Kumar Patel
4. Shri Surajbhanu Solanki
5. Shri B. Devarajan
6. Dr. B.G. Jawali
7. Shri Mohan Lal Jhikram
8. Shri Lalit Oraon
9. Shri Ram Pujan Patel
10. Shri Rupchand Pal
11. Shri A. Ashokaraj
12. Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal
13. Shri Anna Joshi

Rajya Sabha

14. Shri M.A. Baby
15. Shrimati Kailashpati
16. Shri Virendra Kataria

SECRETARIAT

Shri K.M. Mittal—*Deputy Secretary*
Shri R.K. Malik—*Under Secretary*

The Committee took up for consideration the draft Report, as modified on the basis of the suggestions made by Members during the last sitting of the Committee held on 28 April, 1993 and adopted the same.

The Chairperson was authorised to present/lay the same in both the Houses of Parliament. It was decided to hold the next sitting of the Committee on Wednesday, the 12 May, 1993.

The Committee then adjourned.